

ABSTRACT

This study aims to analyze the plot elements and characterizations in the collection of short stories Kado Istimewa or translated as Special Gift by Suwadji, as well as to find out their usefulness as an alternative teaching material for class XI students. The method of this research is qualitative. The data are not in the form of numbers, but narratives or descriptions. The source of the data in this study is a collection of Suwadji short stories Kado Istimewa or Special Gift, published by Telaga Ilmu and other supporting books. Data collection procedures were carried out through literature review, documentation and analysis. The conclusion and finding of this study are (1) there are 7 short stories meet the plot rules, 1 short story does not meet both and 6 short stories meet both. Then, based on the criteria of telling time, there are 9 short stories with a progressive plot, and 1 short story with a mixed plot. Based on the number criteria, there are 9 short stories with single plot and 1 short story with parallel plot. According to the story density, all the short stories are dense. Furthermore, there are 12 main characters, 14 subordinate characters, 32 additional characters, 57 protagonists, 1 antagonist, 53 simple characters, 5 round characters, 53 static characters, and 5 dynamic characters. Henceforth, there are 45 characters described with dramatic techniques and 5 characters with analytical techniques. (2) The study on the elements of plot and characterization in the collection of short stories Kado Istimewa or Special Gift by Suwadji, can be used as teaching material for short story learning in class XI, because it has been assessed and approved according to expert judgement.

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